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Applicants: L.W. Graham et al. Attorney Docket No.: SEMT116060 (new)  
SEM4492P0771 (old)  
Application No.: 09/429,446 ✓ Group Art Unit: 1741  
Filed: October 28, 1999 ✓ Examiner: W.T. Leader  
Title: METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL  
ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Responsive to the final rejection mailed September 16, 2002, applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment set forth below. Applicants assert that entry of the amendment set forth below is proper because it places the application in a better condition for appeal by simplifying the issues for appeal. The amendments were not earlier presented because it is the previously filed amendment that necessitated the amendments set forth below.

Please note that the Attorney Docket No. has been changed to SEMT-1-16060.

In the Specification:

Please amend the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" after the title on page 1, as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is (1) a continuation-in-part of prior co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/018,783, filed February 4, 1998; and (2) a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/988,333, filed September 30, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,985,126, the benefit of the filing dates of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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